

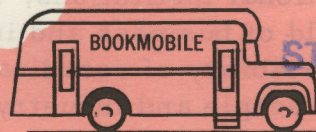
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SUPPORT FOR INCREASED STATE AID

Clemson AAUW

Betty E. Callaham, Director of Field Services, State Library Board, was the speaker at the February 8 meeting of the Clemson branch of the AAUW. Miss Callaham surveyed the public library program in South Carolina, the Federal programs which affect it and explained the need for, and benefits of, the legislation to increase state aid on a per capita basis.

At the conclusion of the meeting the branch, of which Mrs. John T. Bregger is chairman, adopted a resolution supporting state aid for public libraries and asking the legislature to appropriate the full amount of \$613,358 recommended by the Trustee and Public Library Sections of the South Carolina Library Association.

Clemson Community

Members and officers of the Clemson Community Library Board of Directors circulated a petition among town and area residents asking the state legislature to approve the request for increased state aid. The petitions were forwarded to Mary Aiken, Pickens County Librarian.

PLANNING FOR NEW TITLES UNDER LSCA

The Library Services and Construction Act was amended in 1966 by the addition of two new titles. Title III provides financial assistance towards the establishment and maintenance of cooperative library programs and may involve all types of libraries. Title IV is divided into two parts. Title IV-A provides assistance for the

establishment and improvement of state institutional library service. Title IV-B provides assistance in the improvement of library service to the physically handicapped who are unable to handle conventional printed material.

The State Library Board will administer the three new programs and in preparation for the new services held a series of three meetings in Columbia to discuss the need and the potential of service covered by the three titles.

The meeting on Title III was held on February 20. Invited to attend as advisors on the new program were librarians from state colleges and universities, from the leading private educational institutions, representatives of the State Development Board, and experts in the field of business and industrial planning. The object of the meeting was to explore the possibility of coordinating the reference resources of the state to meet the needs of the people and industry of the state.

The second meeting was held on February 24 and was devoted to a discussion of the needs which could be met through a program developed under Title IV-B — Aid to the Handicapped. Attending this meeting were representatives of the various institutions, agencies, and organizations with programs for the handicapped. Mrs. Marian Leith, Librarian of the North Carolina-South Carolina Regional Library for the Blind in Raleigh, North Carolina, was also present.

The meeting on Title IV-A — Institutional Library Services, was held on February 27, and representatives of all State institutions were invited to attend. The discussion centered on the present level of service in the State institutions and the need for either establishing service where it does not exist or for improving existing service. The consensus of the group was that the first step in planning service would be to have a survey made of the library service in the various State institutions in order to determine exactly what the level of this service is and how it is supported.

Representatives from among the membership of the three groups will constitute advisory councils to the State Library Board in implementing the programs provided under the expanded Library Services and Construction Act. The advisory councils will be called into Columbia for a consultation again later in the spring when it is hoped that the next step in planning procedure for the new services to be established may be determined.

ROCK HILL HERALD WINS AWARD

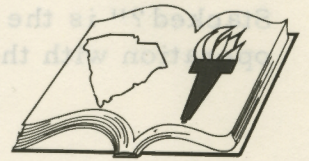
The Rock Hill Herald was cited by the South Carolina Associated Press News Council for its stories leading to the consolidation of libraries in York County. Lt. Governor John West presented the awards in the Council's 1966 Public Service Contest at its winter meeting.

The recognition was for articles by Roland Page and an editorial by Pat J. McDonnell which supported the campaign to establish a unified county library system consolidating the five existing libraries in York County.

Estellene P. Walker, Director, State Library Board, and R. E. Barron, Chairman, York County Library Board, commended the Herald for the skillful, understanding, and intelligent manner in which the proposed unification was presented to the public. Both agreed that the stories, photographs and editorials were telling factors in the success of the campaign and the subsequent unification of the five libraries.

Continuing in the series "Our Library Leadership," this month's story features the Florence County Library.

Our Library Leadership...



Mrs. Marguerite Thompson

1965-66 was the second year of a planned three-year demonstration program in Florence County that was made possible by the consolidation of the city library and the existing county circulating library. Growth during these two years has been rapid, with last year's circulation figures showing an increase of more than 10,000.



Dr. George C. Smith

Mrs. Marguerite Thompson has served as librarian at Florence since 1961, coming to it from the Colleton County Library at Walterboro where she also held the position of librarian. A former English teacher and high school librarian, Mrs. Thompson has also served as librarian of the Randolph County Library in Asheboro, N. C. Mrs. Thompson is a graduate of the Library School at Emory University and is a member of SCLA, having served as treasurer, vice-president, president, chairman of the handbook committee, and chairman of the public library standards committee. She is presently ALA council member representing SCLA, and a member of the Southeastern Library Association, having served as SLA state membership chairman.

Dr. George C. Smith, a Florence dermatologist, has been a member of the Florence County Library's Board of Trustees since the Board's founding, and has served as chairman for the past two years. A graduate of the Medical College of South Carolina, Dr. Smith completed his graduate work in dermatology at the University of Pennsylvania. Active in the Florence Boy Scouts, Dr. Smith is also a member of the Florence Rotary Club, having served as director, secretary and president.

SECRETARIES HEAR LIBRARIAN

Norma Lightsey, Director of the York County Library, spoke to the Satellite (Rock Hill) chapter of the National Secretaries Association on the importance of well stocked and staffed public libraries to the business community. "Your Library - How is it Stacked?" is the theme of NSA's fifth annual program which is being conducted in co-operation with the American Library Association.

INTERN DEPARTMENT

Seven recruiters - Nancy Blair, Betty Callaham, and Margie Herron of the SLB staff with the aid of Mrs. Catherine Lewis, Katherine Anne Warner, Katie Tanner, and Mrs. Marguerite Thompson - covered 17 colleges and extension centers during the month of February. Among those colleges visited were USC Extension Centers at Coastal Carolina and Florence, Anderson, Newberry, Limestone, College of Charleston, The Citadel, Coker, Erskine, Furman, Clemson, Presbyterian, Allen, Benedict, S. C. State, Claflin and Columbia College. To date, over 50 students have been interviewed and told about SLB's intern and graduate scholarship programs. Recruiting visits to the University of S. C., Converse, and Spartanburg Junior College are scheduled for March.

LEGISLATION FOR WILLIAMSBURG LIBRARY

A bill creating a county library for Williamsburg has been introduced in the legislature.

This legislation is a result of a meeting called by Representative J. Henry Stuckey. Members of the Kingstree Carnegie Library Board, Kingstree Town Council, and representatives of the State Library Board met with Representative Stuckey on February 13 in Kingstree.

The Kingstree Carnegie Library, which will be headquarters for the county system, was established in 1917. It was first supported by the town of Kingstree and then by the town and Williamsburg County. The State Library Board has aided the library for 20 years with book projects and assistance from the professional field staff.

Estellene P. Walker, SLB Director, explained the steps necessary for the formation of a county library and the services available to legally established county libraries from the State Library Board. Betty E. Callaham, Director of Field Services, also attended the meeting.

BILL TO CREATE SOUTH CAROLINA ARTS COMMISSION

A bill to create the South Carolina Arts Commission has received favorable action by the Senate Judiciary Committee. It calls for the appointment of nine commission members, representing all fields of the creative and interpretive arts to be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. The duties of the council will be to stimulate and encourage throughout the State the study and presentation of the performing and fine arts and public interest and participation therein; to make such studies as may be deemed advisable of public and private institutions engaged within the State in artistic and cultural activities, including but not limited to music, theater, dance, painting, sculpture, architecture and allied arts and crafts, and to make recommendations concerning appropriate methods to encourage participation in and appreciation of the arts

to meet the legitimate needs and aspirations of persons in all parts of the State; to take such steps as may be necessary and appropriate to encourage public interest in the cultural heritage of the State of South Carolina and to expand the State's cultural resources.

An appropriation of \$50,000, to be matched by Federal funds, is requested.

Librarians should let their legislators know that they favor this legislation and alert the public to do likewise.

1967 NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

John K. Cauthen, Columbia, has accepted the appointment as South Carolina honorary state chairman for National Library Week. Mr. Cauthen is executive secretary of the Textile Manufacturers Association of South Carolina. He is vice-chairman of the South Carolina Educational Resources Foundation, treasurer of the Sirrene Textile Foundation and chairman of the Governor's Commission on Higher Education. Mr. Cauthen was formerly a member of the State Educational Television Commission.

Mrs. M. H. Mims, Edgefield, NLW State Executive Director, has announced that the Educational Resources Foundation is inviting public libraries to co-sponsor a series of ETV programs. The series, Efficient Reading for Adults, was prepared by James I. Brown, professor of Rhetoric at the University of Minnesota for Station KTCA in St. Paul, Minnesota. The programs are designed to increase reading speed and comprehension and include built-in tests.

A fee of \$12.00 covers registration and reading material required by the course. If libraries register the students, collect the fee, receive and distribute the material, they retain \$4.00 of the fee for assisting in the registration.

Brochures containing further information and registration blanks are being mailed to each public library in the state.

The 12 weekly programs will be carried by Columbia Channel 35, Charleston Channel 7 and Greenville Channel 29 beginning March 20. They will precede, include, and continue beyond National Library Week, April 16-22.

HEAD LIBRARIANS - TAKE NOTE

(This is a "Boss-IQ" which appeared in the Columbia (S.C.) State, February 16, 1967. How do you rate?)

1. Have you recently reviewed the qualifications and special skills of your office employees?
2. Are you using highly skilled people for their intended work instead of for petty unimportant tasks that waste their skills?
3. Do you avoid insisting upon unnecessary perfection on even the most unimportant papers?
4. Have you recently complimented your employees individually for a job well done?

5. Have you ever thought of giving written recognition or a small award to show your appreciation for employee efforts?
6. Do you accept blame for your errors instead of blaming your subordinates?
7. Are you really as considerate of your employees' time as you would have them be of yours?

Answer: If you answered NO on 2 or more questions, you have flunked the Boss-IQ test, and you should review your situation in the light of these questions very seriously.

OF LIBRARIES AND LIBRARIANS

Mrs. Max Karelitz, president of the Fountain Inn Friends of the Library, has been named Greenville County chairman for the 1967 National Library Week observance April 16-22. Mrs. Karelitz and her husband were active in the building program for the Fountain Inn branch of the Greenville County Library.

The Abbeville Welcome Wagon Club contributed \$90 for the purchase of books for the Abbeville County Library (Abbeville-Greenwood Regional Library).

The Cushman Mill, a division of Deering Milliken, contributed \$8,000 to the building fund of the Williamston Branch of the Anderson County Library. This brings the company's donation to this project to \$10,000.

A. J. Crane, former Central resident and now a Springs Cotton Mill executive in Lancaster, has donated a large collection of books to Central Branch of the Pickens County Library. The donations were made in honor and in memory of Mr. Crane's former teachers and classmates. Other donations were made by Misses Jennie and Jessie Morgan, Mrs. Carl Morgan, Mrs. Silema Stokes, Mrs. W. A. Gaines and Mrs. Ruth Duckett.

A feature story on the editorial page of the Greenville Piedmont described the beehive of activity at the Greenville County Library during the Sunday library hours.

Services of the Chapin Memorial Library, Myrtle Beach, available to visitors was mentioned as one of the tourist attractions in Frances Moore's column in the Charlotte Observer, February 10.

Greenville Friends of the Library presented a lecture by Brooks Atkinson, retired drama critic, New York Times, on February 15.

The Fountain Inn (branch of Greenville County Library) Friends of the Library heard Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Magill speak on their trip around the world at their February meeting. Mr. Magill is president of the Greenville Friends and his contributions to the library have been extensive.

Myra Armistead is a new member of the board of directors of the Clemson Community Library, a joint venture of Oconee and Pickens counties. Miss Armistead, staff member of the Clemson University Library, was formerly a Reference Librarian at the Greenville County Library. Clemson Town Council and Clemson Community Council have donated \$500 each to the library. The Tri-Hi-Y Club which did not organize for 1966 contributed the approximately \$50 remaining in its coffers to the library.

Mrs. Brenda Humphries Duke is joining the staff of the Abbeville-Greenwood Regional Library on March 1. Mrs. Duke, who was an intern at the Greenwood City and County Library in 1963, will be head of the circulation department at the headquarters library in Greenwood.

A new member of the Board of Trustees of the Charleston County Library is Mrs. Joseph W. Cabaniss.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. Richardson of Union and the Rt. Rev. John A. Pinckney and Mrs. Pinckney are on a 3-week visit to Taiwan. The group will visit all Episcopal missions and churches on the island. Mrs. Richardson, chairman of the Division of World Missions for the Diocese of Upper South Carolina, is a member of the Union County-City Carnegie Library Board.

Mrs. Charles E. Washington has been appointed to the Greenwood City and County Library Board. Mrs. Washington succeeds Mrs. Frank Jones.

The Friends of the Hartsville Memorial Library are providing framed reproductions of famous works of art to be lent for home use. Stereo phonograph equipment with ear-phones and a collection of records is being installed in the library by the Friends group.

The York County Library Board has awarded the contract for a new bookmobile to the Gerstenslager Company.

The Fort Mill Branch of the York County Library had a "forgiveness week" early in January. Fines on overdue books were forgiven and forgotten on January 3, 4, and 5.

After serving as head of the York County Library and as bookmobile librarian for 17 years from headquarters in Clover, Mrs. Paul Blanks has joined the staff of the new headquarters library in Rock Hill. Mrs. Blanks will continue as bookmobile librarian.

YOUR PROBLEMS
by Anne Library

Dear Anne:

Will you please tell me how practically every other library in the state gets increases in their appropriations while we sit here operating on the same budget we adopted in 1950? Every time we ask the Delegation for more money we hear that a swimming pool or an airport or road building equipment has to be bought. The members say they're interested in the library and it's doing a fine job and they're sorry they can't help anymore.

Please tell us what to do!

Envious

Dear Envious:

How do you present your request? Do you have a businesslike approach? Remember legislators are very busy and are besieged on all sides by individuals or groups with

outstretched palms. Do you merely say you need more funds or do you have a budget and a justification of each item which shows an increase? There should be a copy for each member and it would be well to mail the copies well in advance. With all the material on the information explosion and the role of libraries you should be able to utilize it to bolster your request.

If your library is giving good service, publicize it throughout the year. Any outstanding accomplishment should be called to the attention of the general public as well as the legislative delegation.

Try these suggestions and let me know if you're more successful.

Anne

P.S. One library invited the Delegation to dinner and after cigars were passed, the budget request was discussed! Need I say it was favorably received?

CAROLINIANA

Gerson, Noel B. The Swamp Fox, Francis Marion. Doubleday, 1967. \$4.95.
(A biographical novel)

Hennig, Helen Kohn, ed. Sesqui-Centennial History of Columbia. State Printing Company, 1305 Sumter Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201. \$7.00 (including 50¢ for sales tax and postage).
(A reprint of the 1936 volume with supplements to bring it up to date)

Melton, Claude Mark. A Richer Wealth; a novel. Vantage Press, 1966. \$3.95.
(Novel with a South Carolina plantation setting)

(South Carolina items are listed for your information. Inclusion does not necessarily mean a recommendation.)

RABBIT HILL ON TV

NBC Children's Theatre will present Robert Lawson's Newbery award winner (1945), Rabbit Hill, Sunday, March 5, 1967, 6:30-7:30 P.M. Burl Ives will be the narrator.

INCREASED PAY PROPOSED FOR RETIRED S. C. EMPLOYEES

A bill to increase retirement benefits for retired employees of the state has been passed by the Senate and is expected to be received favorably by the House. The bill provides for increases, ranging from 1 to 25 per cent with \$5 as the minimum increase.

SYMPATHY TO

Mrs. James W. Scott, St. Charles, whose husband died on February 27. Mrs. Scott is chairman of the Lee County Library Board.

FIRST WHITE HOUSE LIBRARY

President* and Mrs. Millard Fillmore started the first official White House library, the White House Historical Association notes. The Fillmores' first acquisitions: a dictionary, Bible and U. S. atlas.

*1850-53

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lotheridge on the birth of a son, Timothy Brian, on January 22. Mrs. Lotheridge is on the staff of the Extension Department of the Laurens County Library.

PUBLIC LIBRARY SECTION WORKSHOP

Margie E. Herron, Chairman, Public Library Section, SCLA, announces that the Section will hold a one-day workshop in Columbia at the Market Restaurant on Friday, April 14. The aim of the workshop, "As Others See Us," is to present the library staff as seen through the eyes of the patron; the meeting is intended for the entire staff, but especially for the non-professionals. Skits followed by discussion periods will make up the framework of the program. Richard Moses, librarian of the Hollins Payson Branch of the Enoch Pratt Library in Baltimore, will be the luncheon speaker. Further details will be announced later.

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